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SUBJECT: SOCIALISTS ABANDON CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS IN IMPERIA
AND QUARREL WITH COMMUNISTS IN GENOA

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1. RESPONDING TO THE PARTY'S DIRECTIVES, TWO OF THE THREE
SOCIALIST (PSI) ALDERMEN IN IMPERIA'S CENTER-LEFT MUNICIPAL
GIUNTA (ADMINISTRATION) YESTERDAY TENDERED THEIR RESIGNATIONS
TO CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) MAYOR SANDRO SCAJOLA. THE PSI
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FORMALLY INFORMED THE LEADERS OF ALL
POLITICAL FORCES REPRESENTED IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF
HIS PARTY'S DECISION. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE PSI WILL
WITHDRAW AS WELL FROM THE COUNCIL MAJORITY WHICH PRESENTLY
SUPPORTS SCAJOLA. IF IT DOES, LIGURIA'S ONLY DC-LED PROVINCIAL
CAPITAL'S GIUNTA WILL FALL. (THE OTHER THREE PROVINCES ARE RULED BY
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LEFTISTS, SOCIALIST - COMMUNIST, ADMINISTRATIONS).

2. MEANWHILE, IN GENOA THE SOCIALISTS ARE ENGAGED IN THEIR
TRADITIONAL SUMMER-TIME POLEMICS BOTH WITH THEIR COMMUNIST
PARTNERS IN THE REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIONS AND AMONG THEMSELVES. THE PSI IS
AGAIN ACCUSING THE COMMUNISTS OF "IMMOBILISM" AND ALLEGED

D DUPLICITOUS FLIRT WITH THE DC OPPOSITION.
COINCIDENTALLY, THEY ARE FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES OVER THE
TIMING, PROPRIETY, AND MODALITIES OF THEIR POLEMICS WITH
THE COMMUNISTS.

COMMENT: I SHALL BE SEEING MAYOR SCAJOLA TOMORROW AND WILL
GET HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPERIA SITUATION AND PROSPECTS.
AS FOR THE CURRENT SOCIALIST SOUND AND FURY AGAINST THE
COMMUNISTS IN GENOA, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT IT WILL COME TO
ANYTHING, FOR THE TIME BEING.

AS I HAVE HAD OCCASIONS TO REPORT IN THE PAST, MOST RECENTLY
IN REFTTEL, THE LIGURIAN SOCIALISTS ARE A DIVIDED LOT DESPITE
THE FACT THAT, ON PAPER AT LEAST, A LARGE MAJORITY OF THEM
OSTENSIBLY SUPPORTS CRAXI'S NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND "AUTO-
NOMIST" POLICIES. CLEARLY, SOCIALIST "AUTONOMY" IN LIGURIA
IS MORE FREQUENTLY AND MEANINGFULLY EXERCISED AGAINST THE
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS THAN AGAINST THEIR "NATURAL BUT DIFFICULT"
COMMUNIST ALLIES.DISCIULLO

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